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REVAMPING OF ANIMAL GENETICS AND BREEDING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds for revamping the area of animal genetics and breeding during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also reviewed the progress achieved in such areas so far during the Tenth Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of funds allocated to various States for such purposes during 2006-07 and 2007-08?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): The genetic improvement is a long term activity and the Government has initiated a major programme, National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB) from October 2000 over a period of ten years, in two phases each of five years, with an allocation of Rs.402 crore for Phase-I as 100 per cent grant-in-aid to the participating States/UTs. In order to consolidate the gains made during Phase-I and enhance the coverage under organized breeding, Phase-II of the project has been initiated from December 2006 for further five years, with an approved allocation of Rs.775.87 crore. At present 28 States and one UT are participating under the project.

(c)&(d): The progress of the scheme is monitored and reviewed from time to time by the Government, For impact analysis of the Phase-I an independent agency National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) was engaged. The agency conducted impact analysis in 12 States which completed 2 years of the implementation of NPCBB and on the basis of major findings (Annexure-I) of the evaluating agency, proposal for Phase-II was prepared.

(e): State-wise allocation of funds is not made under the project. Funds requirement under the project is assessed on the basis of breeding network, breedable bovine population and strengthening required in existing breeding infrastructure of the State as envisaged under the project. Details of funds released under the project during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 (up to August 2007) are given in Annexure-II.